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1. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER CONVERSATIONS ON U.S. INVITATION FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN LUGANO (REFTELS), MAYORSKIY OF MFA'S LEGAL AND TREATY DIVISION CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION ACCEPTS THE INVITATION AND WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE U.S. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PROFESSOR IGOR BLISHCHENKO, SAI YAYORSKIY, AND INTENDS TO ARRIVE IN LUGANO "BEFORE JANUARY 27". THE SOVIETS SUGGEST THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS CONTACT EACH OTHER UPON ARRIVAL IN LUGANO AND WORK OUT THE PRECISE DETAILS FOR THEIR MEETING, BUT OF THE TWO TIMES PROPOSED BY THE U.S. SIDE, THE SOVIETS WOULD PREFER TO MEET ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 27. THEY COULD MEET ON JANUARY 31, AS THE U.S. SIDE PREFERENCES, BUT FEEL THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS.

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